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Do You Want a Fine Carpet?

If so, ask your merchant for Bigelow & Hoyt & Crompton's celebrated Velvets. They have received at London, Paris and Vienna the highest premiums ever awarded to Velvet Carpets, and in this country, New York, Philadelphia and Boston, they unanimously signify the manufacturers.

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WASHINGTON.

THE CUBAN REVOLUTION.

President Johnson's Proposition to Seize Upon the Place of the Present Revolutions—Final Success of the Revolutionists Anticipated—Other Conditions in the Field for Other Lands—The Vanquished Contested Election Case—The Alaska Delivery Investigation—Three Thousand Dollars Paid the Washington Chronicle—Confirmations and Rejections—The Knotted Tariff Bill—St. Rollox Will Not Resign—The Case of Congressman Peters in New Orleans—The Franking Privileges.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 19, 1868.

The Cuban Revolution.

Recent events in Cuba have brought out facts heretofore known only to a comparatively few persons, and carefully guarded by those who composed it. The idea of getting possession of Cuba has been very prominent in Mr. Johnson's mind since the Spanish Revolutionists of Valparaiso, Chili, offered that power to Spain in close sympathy with the President to surrender here for the Republican vessel to support the President in the direct measure of Cuban. The leading members of that Commission opposed it, and so did Mr. Seward. The plan of the present revolution, already successful, was developed by the Commissioners, and the Government acting in concert with leading Cuban officials, one of the most prominent in the matter here was a general of artillery in the service before the present revolution broke out. The plan was submitted to a number of members of each House, and confidential assistance and to have been solicited here. The first step was to have a commissioner assigned to each military province to study the geography, and that as it would require more than thirty days for one set of men to visit the possession of the whole island, it would be necessary to have the Cuban authorities would of themselves to a

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Secretary Boutwell's financial statement as explained and commented by him, in his late speech, is not favorably received by the press or public. It is evident that it is not limited to any measure that has the support of any prominent passing Congress.

It is reported that a bill abolishing the whole Stamp and confining the franking privilege to Congressional Sessions will be reported. This is right so far as it goes. But why not strike at the root by abolishing the franking privilege wholly?

Following the example of the support accorded Gen. Sherman for United States Senator, the friends of Mr. Kelley also appear in strong force in our columns this morning. The names represent no small share of the working element of the Republican party of Allegheny county. It is to be regretted that the friends of the two candidates are not united—a degree that is shared by very many in different parts of the State.

While open antagonism becomes a thing guarded and taboo to many spiritless and cowing foul names, you may feel pretty sure that you are in the right. Just at present the Mississippi Tariff bill and its advocates are undergoing this test. The Chicago *Tribune*, which is intensely Free Trade—and would be content to ask why—calls the bill in question "an act of sheer robbery," and its advocates "unmitigated pickpockets." These are the best arguments the *Tribune* has to urge against the bill, and on its own showing a fair-minded man would be safe in declaring that the bill is right and the *Tribune* and those whose arguments it repeats, wrong.

Mr. Motley, the President's new appointee to the Controllership at Philadelphia, is likely to experience some difficulty in securing the favorable action of the Senate. Concerning the gentleman and his chances, the *Inquirer* dispatch says:

> Mr. Motley is counsel in Judge Kelley's contested election case, and was a member of the Democratic State Committee in 1866, and was also a delegate to the Philadelphia Convention of that year. He was also a member of the Democratic State Committee in 1867, and was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention of 1868, which met in New York. He was also a member of the Democratic State Committee in 1868, and was a delegate to the Democratic State Convention of that year. He was also a member of the Democratic State Committee in 1869, and was a delegate to the Democratic State Convention of that year. He was also a member of the Democratic State Committee in 1870, and was a delegate to the Democratic State Convention of that year. He was also a member of the Democratic State Committee in

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NEW YORK, December 19—P. M.

MONEY

Firm and selling against at 6@7, full to 6@6, allowed to 5@6, under gets advances from Europe, requesting an easier feeling on the Eastern question, and a decline in bonds, fell to 6@6, and closed at 6@6. A German banker was a heavy purchaser on quite a extensive scale.

SHORTSTOCKS.

Prime Mills.....15c | Indiana B. Light..15c
Anchor do.....15c | Morgantown.....13c
Eagle Extra.....14c | Anchor C.....13c
Cotton wage.....14c | Gilmerton.....13c
Mahoning.....14c | Hamilton Prints.....13c
Pittsburgh Family.....14c | Magnolia.....13c
Wabash Creek.....14c | Wilkinson Family.....14c
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PRINTS.

American.....12c | Glens.....12c
Georgian.....12c | Wamsutta.....12c
Merrimack D.....12c

SUNDRIES.

Lancaster gingham.....15c | Berkshire.....15c
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DELAINES.

Pyrenees.....20c | Athenian.....20c

SEAMLESS GRAIN BAGS.

Allegheny 2 bushel.....61c
From Mill 2 bushel.....61c
From Mill 2½ bushel.....63c
From Mill 3 bushel.....65c

CARPET CHAIN, ETC.

Cotton chain.....50c
Cotton Mill long reel assorted colors.....45c
From Mill cotton twine.....45c

WEEKLY REVIEW OF THE PIG IRON AND BLOOM MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, SATURDAY, December 19, 1868.

The market during this week was an active one. Buyers were inclined to purchase sparingly. The week's sales as reported were small. The stock of iron on the market is not large. Holders were firm for certain descriptions, whilst for others concessions were made. We are reported the following:

Anthracite.

30 tons No. 3 [illegible]ry.....$39 50@4 00c.
30 tons No. 1 " .....40 00@4 00c.
30 tons No. 2 " .....41 00@4 00c.
30 tons Mottled.....41 00@4 00c.

Bituminous Coal Smelted from Lake Superior Ore.

200 tons mottled.....$39 50@4 00c.
200 tons No. 2 gray.....40 00@4 00c.
1,000 tons open gray from lake ore.....40 00@4 00c.
200 tons mottled.....37 50@4 00c.

Hanging Rock Charcoal.

20 tons No. 1 foundry.....$47 00@4 00c.
20 tons No. 2 foundry.....46 00@4 00c.

Blooms.

20 tons No. 1 Juniata.....$61 00@4 00c.

RIVER TELEGRAMS.

Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, December 18.—River falling, with five feet nine inches in the canal. Weather cloud and mild.

RIVER NEWS.

There was little land evening. Indicated six feet six inches and rising. The rise is from the Monongahela. Trade on the landing was brisk. The shipments for the season were liberal.

The New York, Capt. Richmond, left for Cincinnati, with six cabin passengers.

The fine stern-wheel packet Dove (Capt. J. S. Brenton, late) left Cincinnati this day, for Pittsburgh, with a large freight list.

The fine stern-wheel packet Cumberland, Captain Thos. Shannon, left Cincinnati this day, for Pittsburgh, with a large freight list.

The fine stern-wheel packet Nashville—Captain Jno. Greentree—left Cincinnati this day, for Pittsburgh, with a large freight list.

The fine stern-wheel packet Mary Dorsey, in charge of Captain Simon Gaulbert, left Cincinnati this day, for Pittsburgh, with a large freight list.

The fine stern-wheel packet Cambria, Captain Jno. Hannon, left Cincinnati this day, for Pittsburgh, with a large freight list.

The fine stern-wheel packet Gen. Pike, Captain Jno. Klein, left Cincinnati this day, for Pittsburgh, with a large freight list.

The fine stern-wheel packet Diadem

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CITY MATTERS.

Santa Maria Oil Fires.

A correspondent writing from Pithole City after experiencing the nasty annoyance of smoke emanated by the city burning down or St. Peter's at Rome, I thought that our writing now for the old complaint to the end of the year would be unnecessary, but we are informed by many that the nuisance is still with us, and therefore I am wholly absolved in the consequence of the grandeur and sublimity of many thousand Fires. Now we certainly admire to contemplate, at night and especially on Sundays, the lofty columns, whose light give out similar colors, lit up their dense mist that are almost lost in the evening heaven everywhere. How I dislike the smell of the oil, that offensive odor, that agitates the soul to its fullest, taunting in the midst of holiday spirit, humor and is annihilated. As I despise the infinity of arsenic atmospheres, when let the eye and thought ramble over here and there the fine country, its hills and valleys, its rivers